



William Bradley Erskine

July 10, 1941 - October 6, 2025

Funeral services for WILLIAM "BILL" BRADLEY ERSKINE, 84, will be held 1pm Thursday October 16, 2025, at the North Hills Baptist Church with Pastor David Anderson officiating. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Cemetery in Lingle. Visitation will be at the funeral home Wednesday from 3pm to 5pm and the casket will be closed at the service. Bill passed away peacefully October 6, 2025, at the Banner Medical Center in Casper, Wyoming. In Lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Lighthouse Ministries, North Hills Baptist, Goshen Cattle Women, Lingle Aggies 4-H Club or Adventurous Pioneers 4-H Club. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and condolences may be sent to www.colyerfuneralhome.com Bill was born on July 10, 1941, on the naval base in New London, Connecticut to Dr. Earl Bradley Erskine (commander MC) US Navy and Eleanor Frances (Smith) Erskine. The family lived for a time in Evanston, Illinois and later, in Scottsdale, Arizona. Bill decided that Arizona was not for him and moved, himself, to Castlerock, Colorado to go to Douglas County High School, where he supported himself by working on the Beaman Polo Ranch and volunteering as a bouncer for his bus driver who he adored and became part of the bus driver's family. He played football and wrestled for Douglas County High School. In between these years, he would move back and forth to Laramie, Wyoming, and work as a ranch hand and on the hay crew on the Miller Ranch west of Laramie. Bound for college, he attended CSU in Ft. Collins, Colorado. During those years, he worked at the college stables, shoeing horses,

cleaning stables, taking people on horse rides and along with going to college, he tried and succeeded in several rodeo events. It was in Ft. Collins, where he met his future wife, Kaye Hughes, while she was attending CSU. Lamar Junior College was his next education adventure, where he was on the rodeo team and was on the agriculture judging team. He prided the fact that their team beat many 4-year college judging teams. Southern Colorado State College (now known as CSU/Pueblo) in Pueblo, Colorado was his next step in education, graduating in 1967 with a BA degree in Physical Education and Agriculture. He also had a minor in science. The years he was there, he worked on the CF&I Railroad as well as Keller's Turkey Farm. It was during his college years, that he spent many summers at the Blue Creek Ranch in Kaycee, Wyoming, working on the hay crew. Those summers in Kaycee, held many fond memories for Bill. His first and only teaching position was what brought him to Torrington, Wyoming. Even though he was a creative teacher and mostly enjoyed the students, he did not like the bureaucracy. His first love was always cattle and agriculture. Bill and his wife purchased a ranch/farm operation between Ft. Laramie and Lingle in 1971 and have enjoyed life there since that time. He did some team roping at rodeo events for several years, but before long, found he didn't have time for that and focused on ranching and working at Missouri Basin in Wheatland. He also enjoyed working in the sale ring at Torrington Livestock Auctions. Bill was a man who loved to make conversation with nearly everyone. He knew what he stood for He was also a man who worked tirelessly. He loved the land, very rarely complained of any aches or pains, would help his neighbors in any way he could, was a supporter of 4-H and supported his children and grandchildren in their many projects. He helped build two churches and was a grateful man, appreciating the marry gifts that God had given him. He was a member of the Wyoming Angus Association for several years. Bill married Kaye (Hughes) Erskine from Wheatland, Wyoming in Ft. Collins, Colorado, on February 13, 1965. To that union, two children were born. Bill is survived by his wife of over 61years, daughter, Mindy Jo Clason (Josh) of Buffalo, Wyoming, son, Todd William

(Gayle) Erskine of Lingle; grandchildren, Cody (Jessica) Tim, Sarah and Emily Clason and Emma, Briggs and Paislee Erskine and two step sister-in-laws, Linda Hughes and Debbie (Scott) Bancroft. He is preceded in death by his brother John Erskine, brother-in-laws, Jack and Jim Hughes, and his parents. As his grandson said, "He always was, and always will be a cowboy. I hope there's a good horse waiting for him."

Cemetery Details

Hillcrest Cemetery

Lingle, WY 82223

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Colyer Funeral Home
PO Box 20 / 2935 Main
Torrington, WY 82240
(307) 532-2320
colyerfuneralhome@gmail.com

Funeral Service

OCT **16**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

North Hills Baptist Church
101 W 8th St
Lingle, WY 82223
(307) 837-2755

Tribute Wall

RR

“ Rhonda Reisig lit a candle in memory of William Bradley Erskine



Rhonda Reisig - May 18 at 10:54 AM

MF

“ Missi & Brooke and the whole family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William Bradley Erskine.



Missi & Brooke and the whole family - October 14, 2025 at 11:10 PM

AB

“ All our Love, Scott and Debbie Bancroft purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Bradley Erskine.



All our Love, Scott and Debbie Bancroft - October 14, 2025 at 04:09 PM

JM

“ Kaye. Sorry to hear of Bills passing. Was a super guy. You both were so good to me when I worked for you while I was in collage at EWC. Had some great times and have great memories!!!

jim miller - October 14, 2025 at 10:34 AM

LZ

Mrs. Erskine, this is Laurie Hager Zumwalt. I didn't know your husband, but he sure knew how to pick a wife! He got a gem when he found you!

Laurie Zumwalt - October 26, 2025 at 08:56 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Bradley Erskine.*



October 13, 2025 at 05:56 PM

KH

“ *Bill was one of a kind. When I worked at the sale barn he was a constant presence we all enjoyed. Smart. Humorous. And most of all Kind!! He was one I would always seek out when I was there.*

I am so sorry for your grief. Please know many are thinking about you and wish you peace.

Kriss Hovis - October 11, 2025 at 02:27 PM



“ *Suzanne Keller Russ DeHaven lit a candle in memory of William Erskine*



Suzanne Keller Russ DeHaven - October 11, 2025 at 06:53 AM

CT

“ Mrs Erskine, Mindy and Todd... You and your families are in my prayers. I remember Bill was always there at school functions supporting every team. He certainly is a wonderful man! The family is here for you as you navigate this season. We love you!

Candi (Joy) Thompson - October 09, 2025 at 08:21 PM

LD

“ Lingle Volunteer Fire Department purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of William Bradley Erskine.



Lingle Volunteer Fire Department - October 09, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Bradley Erskine.



October 08, 2025 at 11:20 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Bradley Erskine.

October 08, 2025 at 11:20 PM

DR

“ *Deb Rodgers purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Bradley Erskine.*



Deb Rodgers - October 08, 2025 at 02:44 PM

KR

“ *Kaye, Mindy, Todd and families, I am so sorry to hear about Bill. He was always so full of life. He always took the time to say HI and he loved to visit. We will sure miss him. Thoughts and prayers to all of you!*

Kerri Rose - October 08, 2025 at 10:40 AM

NR

“ *I ran the kitchen at Torrington Livestock for several years. Bill would come in whenever he was there to say hello to all of us and often checking to make sure everything was good. I always enjoyed my visits with him and knew he was sincere. He spoke every time about his family and what was going on in the political climate! My condolences to his family*

Nancy Reno - October 08, 2025 at 09:59 AM